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Dear Snip:

The Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics has for a long time been concerned about the effects of tobacco use and its health impact in Colorado. Dr. Laurie Harken, a faculty member in our Epidemiology and Community Health Section, is presently involved in activities that include adolescent smoking cessation and smokeless tobacco prevention research.

As an early discussant regarding the ASSIST Project with the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Colorado, Dr. Harken is interested in continuing to contribute her efforts to the ASSIST Project. We have also been examining the effect of smoking in diabetics of all ages, and find them to be a particularly high risk subgroup.

The Department is willing to help with the ASSIST Coalition by providing technical assistance in data analysis and related activities and will make available meeting space should it be needed. Where resources permit, we are also committed to serving on Task Groups wherever the Coalition Board has identified a need for our assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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